Plan for demolitions in Okhla near Yamuna

1765. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to demolish all constructions in Okhla within 300 metres of River Yamuna;

(b) the action that the DDA has taken to implement Usha Mehra Committee report in this regard; and

(c) whether the Central Government prepared any plan to rehabilitate the affected people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that Delhi High Court, in WP (C) No. 2112/2002, has ordered for demolition of all unauthorized/religious structures within 300 m. on either side of Yamuna.

(b) DDA has reported that land in question pertains to Joga Bai and Okhla villages which was acquired for Yamuna Channelization Scheme, but was not handed over to DDA by the Land Acquisition Collector/Land & Building Deptt. of GNCTD. Justice Usha Mehra Committee, constituted by Delhi High Court, in its meeting dated 30.6.2006, decided that all unauthorized structures on this land have to be removed. The programme for taking over of possession of land was fixed for 15th and 17th July 2006 but could not be carried out due to heavy public resistance and suggestion of police authorities. Later, in respect of the same land, a writ was filed by Federation of RWA, Jamia Nagar versus UOI & Others in Delhi High Court in which the demolition action was stayed by High Court on 18.7.2006 till consideration of the matter by the aforementioned Committee. Further action by DDA will depend on the orders of the Court/ Committee and litigation before the Court.

(c) DDA has reported that it takes vacant possession of land from the Land Acquisition Collector/Land & Building Deptt. of GNCTD, and, therefore, no rehabilitation plan has been prepared by DDA.

Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006

1766. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent to the enactment of the Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Act, 2006 sealing and demolition action in Delhi has stopped;